

CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

C2 2. The temporary ramp of claim 24, wherein said first and second adjacent ramp segments are removably coupled together and transfer forces between segments during use.

C3 6. The temporary ramp of claim 24, wherein the upper inclined surfaces of the ramp segments are an elastomeric material.

C4 12. The temporary ramp of claim 24, and further comprising a hinge mechanism positioned between adjacent edge portions of the first and second ramp segments and allow the first and second ramp segments to pivot with respect to one another when removed from the roadway.

C5 13. The temporary ramp of claim 24, wherein the ramp segments further comprise fastener openings through which fasteners are positioned, said fasteners being coupled with the roadway beneath the ramp segments and operatively abut the ramp segments to assist the ramp segments resist the forces transmitted to the ramp segments by vehicles traveling across the ramp segments.

C1 24. A temporary ramp adapted for use on roadways under construction, the roadways having an elevated obstruction, such as a man hole, where the roadway has been partially ground down leaving the man hole elevated above the surface of the roadway, a protective ramp placed removable around said man hole cover support to prevent damaging impact to said man hole cover by vehicles traveling on the roadway, said temporary protection ramp comprising:

first and second adjacent ramp segments each having a lower surface which contacts the roadway when installed and an upper inclined surface that vehicle wheels contact during use, said first and second adjacent ramp segments each having at least one edge portion along which each ramp segment is coupled with the other ramp section during use, said first and second ramp segments being positionable adjacent the elevated obstruction and having its apex at the same height as the top of the man hole cover located in the roadway for allowing vehicles traveling the roadway to ride up and over the elevated obstruction without damage.